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SUBJECT:TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO VIET-NAM

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1. REFTEL REPORTS THAT BANQUE COMMERCIALE DE L'EUROPE DU
NORD IN PARIS HAS BEEN UNABLE TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO SOUTH

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VIET-NAM SINCE THE SEPTEMBER 22 CURRENCY REFORM BECAUSE NO

RPT NO EXCHANGE RATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN PIASTER AND FOREIGN CURRENCIES. RECENTLY, DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, HONG KONG, AND BANK OF TOKYO, JAPAN, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO VIET-NAM. FURTHER, NEW YORK TIMES ON OCTOBER 31 REPORTED TORONTO DOMINION BANK OF MONTREAL HAD ESTABLISHED CORRESPONDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH VIET-NAM.

2. FOR TOKYO, HONG HONG, TORONTO: UNLESS OBJECTIONS PERCEIVED, POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO QUERY DISCREETLY BANKS IN THEIR AREAS TO DETERMINE WHETHER, AND ON WHAT TERMS, BANKS ARE NOW TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO VIET-NAM. REQUEST DETAILS OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS INCLUDING PROCEDURES SO DEPARTMENT CAN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ADVISE RELATIVES OF

AMERICANS STILL IN SVN OF METHOD OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO MEET LATTER'S LIVING EXPENSES.

3. FOR PARIS: REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY WITH BANQUE DE L'EUROPE DU NORD AND OTHER LIKELY BANKS, INCLUDING BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE.

4. POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALL TRANSFERS OF U.S. DOLLARS TO VIET-NAM (NORTH OR SOUTH) REQUIRE TREASURY LICENSE UNDER FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS. KISSINGER

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